

## **Healthy Kansas Minute Radio Interview – Safe Kids Kansas – Poison Prevention Week**

**Joe:** This is the Healthy Kansas Minute. I'm Joe Blubaugh, and with me is Cherie with Safe Kids Kansas. March is Poison Prevention Month. What is the main thing parents should remember if they suspect a child has ingested a poisonous substance or medication?

**Cherie:** If a child is choking, having trouble breathing or having a seizure, call 911 immediately. Do not induce vomiting or give the child any fluid or medication unless directed.

**Joe:** Who should a parent call if the child isn't showing any symptoms, but may have ingested poison or medication?

**Cherie:** They should call the National Poison Control Hotline at 1-800-222-1222, and they will be connected immediately to the poison control center in Kansas. They should also have the container handy so they can give information to the operator about the substance ingested.

**Joe:** Do you have any other advice you would give parents on poison prevention?

**Cherie:** Never refer to medication as candy and be sure all poisons are stored in a secure place. Parents should discuss these guidelines with grandparents as well.

**Joe:** Thank you, Cherie. To learn more about keeping children safe, please visit the Safe Kids Kansas Website at [www.kansassafekids.org](http://www.kansassafekids.org). This has been the Healthy Kansas Minute!